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MMS Issues Multisale Call for Information and Nominations for Gulf of Mexico Sales

NEW ORLEANS – The U.S. Department of the Interior’s Minerals Management Service (MMS) published a notice in the April 28 *Federal Register* requesting information and nominations for 11 tentatively scheduled Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) lease sales in the Western and Central Gulf of Mexico in the proposed 2007 – 2012 leasing program. Western Sales 204, 207, 210, 215, and 218, as well as Central Sales 205 (portion of planning area), 206, 208, 213, 216, and 222, are covered in this multisale Call for Information and Nominations (Call).

The purpose of the Call is to gather information and nominations from potential bidders on oil and gas leasing, exploration, and development and production for the previously-noted eleven tentatively scheduled OCS lease sales in the OCS areas south of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. This information is important for ensuring that all interests and concerns are communicated to the Department of the Interior for use in future decisions in the leasing processes for these eleven proposed sales.

“MMS invites all interested parties to provide information to help us identify the issues and concerns in these areas,” said Regional Director Chris Oynes. “This open process allows the Federal and State governments to benefit by considering all views expressed.”

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